

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 562

By Massey

A RESOLUTION to recognize the Bearden High School Dance Team, 2020-2021 TSSAA State Champions.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially honor those successful student athletic teams, that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such group of exemplary young athletes is the Bearden High School Dance Team, which recently won the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association State title in Large Varsity Jazz and Large Varsity Pom; and

WHEREAS, the team's victory in Large Varsity Jazz is a historical win for Bearden High School, as it gives the team its eighth consecutive State title in the Jazz category, and this is the second year that the team has earned double State titles; and

WHEREAS, with thirteen TSSAA State championships since 2009 and three National Dance Championship titles, the Bearden High School Dance Team is the most successful dance program in the State and is recognized locally, regionally, and nationally as one of the top dance programs in the country; and

WHEREAS, the members of this elite team of athletes are Anna Snyder, Emma Mañalac, Sydney Hawkins, Katherine Newman, Chloe McCord, Ali Berg, Abigail Drum, Natalie Adkins, Leah Cho, Ella Klenck, Olivia Roddy, Julie Horn, Ella Williams, Ruby Fisher, Madeline Taylor, Kenzie Bankes, Jordan James, Journie Kishmarton, Avery Duncanson, and Abigail Abrams; and

WHEREAS, the Bearden Dance Team's success and determination would not be possible were it not for the guidance of Head Coach Hannah Keathley, and assistant coaches Kathryn Brasfield and Rebecca Nutter; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made these stellar triumphs possible but will also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Bearden High School Dance Team for their outstanding performance, both on and off the dance floor, and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize the Bearden High School Dance Team's Large Varsity Jazz state title and Large Varsity Pom state title and extend to the members of the team our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.